GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONDITION OF LAND CORRIDOR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has provided a land corridor for goods to be carried between Bangladesh and Nepal;

(b) if so, whether that corridor is in a bad shape; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to improve that corridor to ensure smoother flow of traffic and thereby better relations with Bangladesh and Nepal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a), (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. In June, 1997 Government of India agreed to the request of His Majesty`s Government of Nepal for providing an additional transit facility for Nepal`s trade with Bangladesh through Kakarbita-Phulbari.This facility was made operational with effect from September 1, 1997. Operational arrangements for the route have been progressively liberalised. The route is roadworthy. Moreover, the bulk of Nepalese traffic continues to move through the 15 other transit routes offered by Government of India to Nepal under the existing Indo-Nepal Treaty on Transit.